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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6298**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1074

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 23, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Electric Meter Bases.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Liggett

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that when a customer of a public or municipally owned electric utility installs or upgrades electric service, the utility must supply the customer with a meter base if the meter base: (1) is necessary; and (2) has not already been supplied by the customer. It also prohibits a utility from requiring a customer or a contractor or subcontractor hired by the customer to obtain a meter from an outside supplier or vendor.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill's provisions could have minimal administrative impact on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) in so far as the IURC has jurisdiction over regulated utilities. Any impact would presumably be covered by the Commission's current resources.

*Background on IURC and Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) Funding:* The operating budgets of the IURC and OUCC are funded by regulated utilities operating in Indiana. The IURC determines the rate at which to bill the utilities based on the two agencies' budgets, less reversions, divided by the total amount of gross intra-state operating revenue received by the regulated utilities for the previous fiscal year. Based on this formula, utilities are currently billed approximately 0.10% of their gross intra-state operating revenues to fund the IURC and OUCC. In FY 2002, fees from the utilities and fines generated approximately \$9.5 M.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Municipal electric utilities would be affected by this proposal.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipal electric utilities.

**Information Sources:**

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